effect from 12-5-1988 they have now been made ineligible to get general pool accommodation.

PEPSICO Project

1388. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the editorial published in the Tribune of December 23, 1988;

(b) whether it is a fact that Pepsico project has been given to Punjab Agro Industrial Corporation;

(c) if so, the reason for PAIC getting less than 25% share-holdings in the project; and

(d) whether Central Government or Punjab Government or PAIC is likely to get any Agriculture and Horticulture benefits, with PAIC being in such a low minority?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES <SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Punjab Agro Industries Corporation was the applicant in the Pepsico project which was co-promoted by M/s. Punjab Agro Industries Corporation, Pepsico Inc. USA and Voltas Limited. The applicant has been granted a Letter of Intent on the 28th September, 1988.

(c) The shareholding of Punjab Agro Industries Corporation is to the extent of 36.1%.

(d) All manufacturing and agricultural/horticultural activities will be based in Punjab and hence it is expected that there will be significant benefits to the farmers in Punjab.:

Payment of grant to the widow of deceased Food and Civil Supplies Officer, New Delhi

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1389. SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO:
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Administration have so far not paid to the widow of a Food and Supplies Officer Delhi, admissible grant of Rs. 3500/- from the compassionate Fund which was sanctioned to her by the Ministry of Finance vide No. Flo(4)-EV/82 dt. 5-2-82 read with letter No. Flo(4)—EV/82 CF dated 5-11-86;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the widow of the deceased officer has completed all the formalities long ago and whether she has made a number of representations in this regard to the authority; and

(d) if so, by when the widow is likely to be paid full amount of grant ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (d) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Availability of High Quality Seeds in Andhra Pradesh

1390. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to ensure availability of good and high quality seeds to the farmers of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details there of and the specific steps takan in this direction in Andhra Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) Seed Production and distribution thereof to the farmers is primarily the responsibility of the State Govts, who undertake this job through institutions like State Governments Seed Farms, State Seed Corporations, Private Seed Companies, etc. The efforts of the State Govts, are supplemented by the national agencies like the National Seeds Corporation and State Farms Corporation of India.

The seed requirement and supply position for Kharifs, 1989 of Andhra Pradesh was reviewed in the Southern Zone Conference on Seeds held in February, 1989. State Govt, estimated the seed requirements for Kharif, 89 at 5.31 lakh quintals. According to State Govt, all the seed required was internally available. Crop-wise details are annexed, as statement.

Statement

Crop-wise seed requirement and availability of Andhra Pradesh for Kharif, 1989.

SI, No.	Crop	Requirement	Availability
1.	Paddy .	2,15,000	2,15,000
2.	Maize	23,500	23,500
3.	Jowar . .	64,450	64,450
4.	Bajra . • . '	12,600	12,600
5.	Mung . .	14,850	**14,850**
6.	Urd . '	4,000	
7.	; Arhar . :	7,500	7,500
8.	Groundnut	1,75,000	1,75,000
9.	' dastor . .; . .	3,800	3,800
10.	Til	J10	110
11.	Sunflower ,	2,400	2,400
12.	**Soyabean** A-n • •	200	20
13.	Cotton • •	7,500	7,500
	TOTAL	5,30,910	5,30,90

Merger of Scales in C.P.W.D.

1391. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two scales of the Lift Operators of C.P.W.D. are merged as per the judgement of the Supreme Court;

(b) whether it is also a fact that two scale of Junior Engineers of C.P.W.D. have not been merged despite the fact that the similar cases have been declared as illegal ;